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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it bulky, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It is bulky."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know the cost of the book which contains only 250 pages? The book can be easily printed and distributed to the members of the Assembly free of cost. We do not mind paying the cost of the book. I wonder why the Hon. Minister calls it a ' bulky ' one ! "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the view of the Government is that they should not add to the capital cost of the roads because after all the roads are not coming? "

Bhavani Panchayat Board.

* 1207 Q.—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state— 9 a.m.

(a) whether the division of wards in Bhavani Panchayat has been decided ;

(b) whether the Panchayat Board has approved the same ; and

(c) if not why?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Government have no information.

" (c) Does not arise."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—"గుంటూరు జిల్లా, నర్సారావుపేట తాలూకా, ఏలూరు పంచాయతీ బోర్డును ప్రజాభిప్రాయానికి విరుద్ధముగా విభజించారు. అట్లా చేయటానికి recommend చేసినది ఎవరండి ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question relates to the Bhavani panchayat, but this supplementary question asks for information about a different panchayat."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" Sir, a question similar to my question put by Sri P. Venkatasubbiah is also coming up for answer to-day. Both these questions relate to a very important matter relating to Harijans, and I request you to allow a half-hour debate on the matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" When? "

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" To-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" To-morrow is allotted for valedictory speeches."

Scholarships to Harijan students.

* 1208 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received from the Harijan students in the State seeking scholarships for the year 1952–53 and of them how many were given and on what basis ;

(*b*) the total amount which would have been required for the sanction of all the scholarships applied for; and

(*c*) how many students (boys and girls) were not sanctioned?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Forty-thousand and two hundred and thirty-nine students belonging to eligible communities applied for scholarships and of them 17,336 were given the scholarships; scholarships are granted with regard to the applicant's poverty and merit and other conditions prescribed in the notifications regarding grant of scholarships, subject to the availability of funds.

" (*b*) Rs. 16,40,598.

" (*c*) Twenty-two thousand nine hundred and three."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" Is it a fact that residential scholarships were not sanctioned to all the Harijan students studying in the various high schools of this State for want of funds? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is not a fact, Sir."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" The amount of residential and non-residential scholarships granted in the Coimbatore district every year is much less compared with the amounts granted in the other districts and this fact has been brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister very often. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that scholarships are sanctioned to all the applicants from the Coimbatore district? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Scholarships are sanctioned according to the availability of funds and distributed in the most even manner among all the districts."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Is there any proposal under the consideration of the Government for raising the income limit of parents of Harijan students for the purpose of granting scholarships? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter is under consideration."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" Is any preference shown to the famine-affected areas of Rayalaseema? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In every manner preference is shown to famine-affected areas."

Land assignment to Danamanyam Co-operative Agricultural Colonisation Scheme.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Jagannathan is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."